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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 22 May 1958

FROM : Chief/Language and Area School/TR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #20

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Date: 08 MAR 1978 By: **A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. has very kindly agreed to include in the Serbo-Croatian language training he is providing Mr. of SE. His courtesy, with that of AC/PPS, is permitting quality instruction that, over a year, could have cost the Agency \$1,500.

2. Our first intermediate French class, at the end of its 30-week course, spends next week at . We are especially pleased that or of WE, of OTR, and possibly Mr. will attend to observe and participate. In addition, FDD has generously agreed again to let attend as a Visiting Instructor. Mr. and Mrs. will attend for two days as students.

3. thru the WE training officer, has asked whether we could provide space for a tutor he proposes to employ at OTR expense to instruct him and his wife. We have indicated our desire to help in any way possible, and that, following approval for the training, we could request security clearance to employ his tutor on contract if he could provide us with the required PHS, etc. We previously had indicated to that we did not feel the limited time he can devote to learning (about 30 hours of instruction) was worth his investment of time, particularly when he can get good training at after he arrives, but suggested that, if he really wanted to give it a whirl, he work out something with and submit a request for SO and OTR consideration. He has not taken the FLATB and we know from personal sources that previous efforts to learn during five years in were largely fruitless. This is another case of a "wheel" getting all tangled up because he wants to write his own ticket for OTR rubber-stamping, is disinterested in constructive ideas in conflict with his personal desires, and requests special handling. According to our information from personal sources in both IO and WE, his attitude on this desire is very much "in character." I bother you with this annoyance only to provide background in event you are appealed to. Approval of his proposal (which is the only way he can cut his wife in at no personal expense) can be justified only on a basis of inter-office relations.

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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 21 May 1958

FROM : Deputy, Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [] have developed a tentative training program for JOTs entering on duty in advance of the proposed fall entrance date. This embraces an eight-weeks comprehensive survey of the United States in world affairs, including a study of governmental operations in the international field in Washington and area surveys of the six major areas of the world.
 2. 384 people were tested last week in French, German and Spanish. The Portuguese and Vietnamese have been edited.
 3. A very pleasant picnic was held on Saturday at [] for the secretarial staff. High point was undoubtedly the superb fried chicken prepared by []

*How do
you edit
Portuguese?*

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. The Intensive Russian class spent the week of 12-16 May at [] Nine students and five instructors participated.
 2. On Wednesday, 21 May, three students from part-time Russian classes visited the full-time group at []
 3. One Russian and one German class in the Voluntary Language Training Program were disbanded after the first week of instruction because several students had to drop out, leaving only two students in each class. Three of the remaining students were transferred to other classes. Thus there are now 42 classes in the Summer Trimester of 1958 with a final enrollment of 286 students.
 4. In connection with the French Intermediate RSW course, Leon Goldenberg, State/ICA discussed "The French Economy Today". Questions were directed to him by a panel of [] The discussion was well received by the five students of the class and twenty-five auditors from all over the agency who joined in the discussion.
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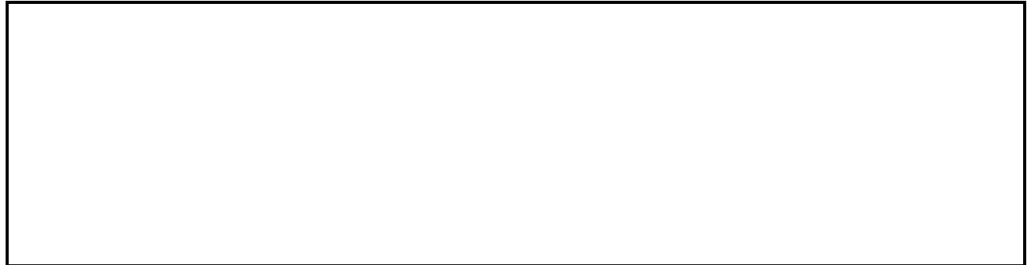
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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Third session of our area planning conference is scheduled for 1430 hours on the 22nd of May. Principal agenda item will be the "Helms Proposal" for area training directed specifically at foreign psychological and behavior factors of immediate interest to DDP personnel. [] and [] will join the LAS area staff for a general exploration of possibilities for meeting this requirement.
2. [] spent the 19th and 20th at Army Pictorial Center in New York City on the SIS "Free Europe" film, and is greatly encouraged by the acceleration of the production schedule by a new project officer and by his appointment of a highly capable film editor. Two further trips of one and two days each, in June, are expected to suffice before the "executive screening" of Part I late that month. Part II "Steps toward Unity," is now also being pushed and should follow two to three months later. Part I will probably be split so that the entire film would consist of three 30-minute reels.
3. At his own request, and in anticipation of early departure for overseas, Mr. [] Office of Security, was given a special briefing by [] on 16 May on the character and problems of the Middle East.
4. [] expressed his support, in a discussion with [] of the forthcoming Africa - Basic Country Survey #1, but reserved the right to check the list of outside speakers and students before permitting any of his people to attend either the entire course or specific lectures. Also, he indicated that because of summer vacations, overseas departures, and work loads, only 2 or 3 persons will probably be free to take the course.

5. Another wrinkle encountered in developing this course is the inroads being made upon potential lecturers by State's summer programs in Africa and the Middle East. The Africa program will strip State of over 20 people many of whom are quite competent, and possible OCI participation in the AUB seminar will inevitably cut down the assistance which normally could be found there.

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